Development of Unani System of Medicine

1903. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to prepare an action plan for the development and extension of Unani System of Medicine in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The proposals/Schemes included in the Tenth Plan and the National Health Policy on Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy, 2002 lay emphasis on the development of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy including Unani System of Medicine. This *inter-alia* includes:

(i) improving standards of education and establishing Centres of Excellence;

(ii) Operationalization of National Institute of Unani Medicine at Bangalore;

(iii) Re-orientation and prioritization of research to gradually validate therapies and drugs;

(iv) Protection of traditional medicinal knowledge by setting up Traditional knowledge Digital Library in Unani;

(v) Utilization of available infrastructure for National Health care Programme and Delivery System;

(vi) Involvement of NGOs in promotion and propagation of ISM and including Unani System of Medicine;

(vii) Quality Control of Drugs;

(viii) Preparation of formularies and Pharmacopoeial standards.

Oral Cholera Vaccine

1904. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Oral Cholera Vaccine has been evolved recently after tests on animals and human beings;